

SARATOGA COUNTY FARM STATISTICS

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Saratoga County is located in the Hudson River Valley of New York bordering the Adirondack mountains. In 1998, there were 77,800 acres in farms, 15 percent of the county's total 519,680 acres. There were 560 farms in the county averaging 139 acres per farm. Saratoga county ranks 36th in the state for number of farms and 41st for land in farms.

In 1997, according to the Census of Agriculture, the market value of all agricultural products sold from county farms was \$29.9 million. Total sales averaged \$63,252 per farm. The leading products sold were: dairy products, nursery and greenhouse, poultry products, cattle and calves, and hay and silage.

The average value of land and buildings per farm in 1997 was \$368,047. Machinery and equipment were valued at \$51,585 per farm. Total production expenses in 1997 were \$25.5 million for an average of \$53,740 per farm. The Census showed 50 percent of the farm operators reported farming as their principal occupation. The average age of the operator was 54.4 years. Data from the U.S. Department of Commerce showed the average personal income for all wage earners in the county in 1996 was \$23,506.

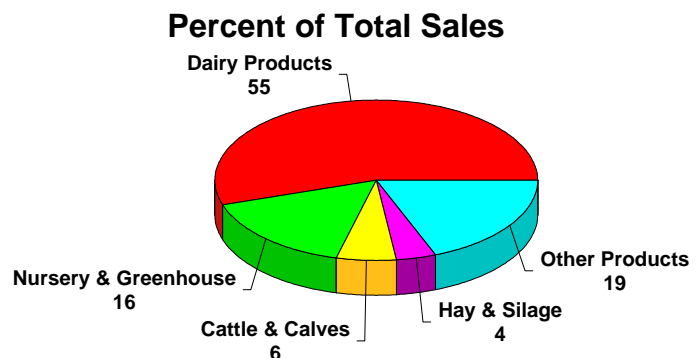
LEADING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

Product	1997 Sales Thous. Dol.	Percent of Total	County Rank
Dairy Products	16,285	55	33
Nursery & Greenhouse	4,739	16	10
Poultry	D	0	8
Cattle & Calves	1,643	6	43
Hay & Silage	1,185	4	34
Other Products	6,003	19	
TOTAL SALES	29,855		39

1997 Census of Agriculture

D: Cannot be disclosed-included in "Other Products"

LEADING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS



FARMS, LAND IN FARMS, AND LAND USE

Year	Number of Farms	Land in Farms	Total Cropland 1/	Permanent Pasture 2/	Total Woodland 3/	Other Land 4/
		Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres
1940	2,591	247,091	5/	5/	62,319	5/
1950	1,795	200,349	111,032	22,816	53,137	13,364
1959	1,151	161,686	90,007	17,815	41,740	12,124
1969	595	99,102	60,441	5/	25,459	5/
1978	541	92,166	57,011	6,030	21,801	7,324
1982	580	91,445	55,621	5,948	21,265	8,611
1987	590	85,700	54,100	4,500	20,000	7,100
1992	520	77,400	47,800	6,000	17,400	6,200
1993	530	76,500	47,200	5,800	17,000	6,500
1994	540	75,800	47,000	5,800	16,400	6,600
1995	545	77,000	47,600	6,100	16,300	7,000
1996	555	77,000	48,600	6,200	15,900	6,300
1997	565	78,400	48,500	6,500	15,800	7,600
1998	560	77,800	48,600	6,400	15,400	7,400

1940-1982 U.S. Census of Agriculture 1/ Includes cropland pastured. 2/ Excludes cropland and woodland pastured.
3/ Includes woodland pastured. 4/ Land in house lots, ponds, wasteland, etc. 5/ Not available.

FARMS BY SALES CLASS

Sales Class	1992	1997
Number of Farms		
Under \$10,000	252	263
\$10,000 to \$49,999	98	117
\$50,000 to \$99,999	36	37
\$100,000 or more	57	55
Farms Reporting	443	472
U. S. Census of Agriculture		

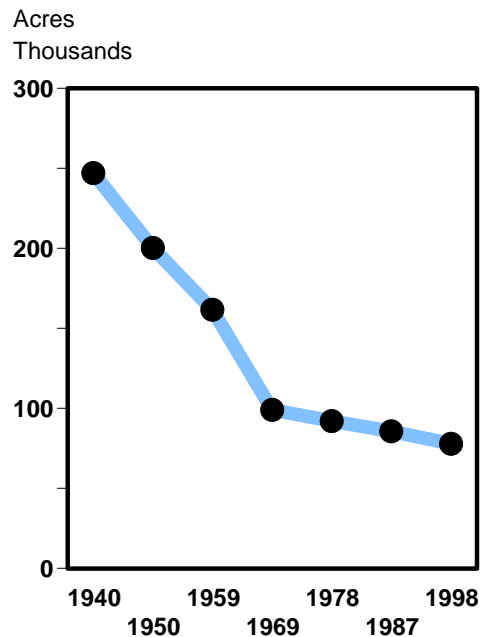
RESIDENT POPULATION

In 1998, County's population ranked 18th in the state

Year	Total	Population Per Square Mile
1940	65,600	81
1950	74,900	92
1960	89,100	110
1970	121,800	150
1980	153,800	189
1990	181,300	223
1998	197,606	243

U.S. Census of Population

Land in Farms



CATTLE: Number on Farms, January 1

Year	All Cattle & Calves	Beef Cows	Milk Cows
Number on farms			
1940	22,238	1/	1/
1950	21,886	402	12,503
1959	21,912	423	12,378
1969	15,840	950	8,127
1978	18,000	900	9,200
1982	16,000	900	9,000
1987	15,500	1,100	7,300
1992	12,500	800	6,000
1993	12,500	800	6,000
1994	12,500	1,000	6,000
1995	12,500	900	6,500
1996	14,000	900	6,000
1997	14,000	1,100	6,500
1998	15,000	1,100	6,000

1940-1969 U.S. Census of Agriculture

1/ Not available.

MILK: Cows & Production

Year	Annual Avg. Milk Cows	Average Production Per Cow	Total Milk Production
No. Head Pounds Million lbs.			
1940	1/	1/	1/
1950	1/	1/	1/
1959	1/	1/	1/
1969	1/	1/	1/
1978	9,200	11,000	101.2
1982	8,800	11,000	96.8
1987	7,200	13,700	98.6
1992	6,000	15,200	91.2
1993	6,000	15,200	91.2
1994	6,000	15,300	91.8
1995	6,000	15,800	94.8
1996	6,000	15,900	95.4
1997	6,200	16,100	99.8
1998	6,500	16,100	104.7

1/ Not available.

OATS: Acreage, Yield, and Production

Year	Planted	Harvested	Yield	Production
Acres Acres Bushels Bushels				
1940	1/	7,753	27.5	213,274
1950	1/	4,943	27.8	137,662
1959	1/	5,904	41.9	247,470
1969	1/	1/	1/	1/
1978	1,800	1,500	50.0	75,000
1982	1,600	1,400	56.0	78,400
1987	1,600	900	52.0	46,800
1992	700	600	70.0	42,000
1993	600	400	66.0	26,400
1994	1,500	1,300	67.0	87,100
1995	1,000	600	59.0	35,400
1996	500	500	58.0	29,100
1997	600	600	57.0	34,200
1998	1,000	800	57.0	45,600

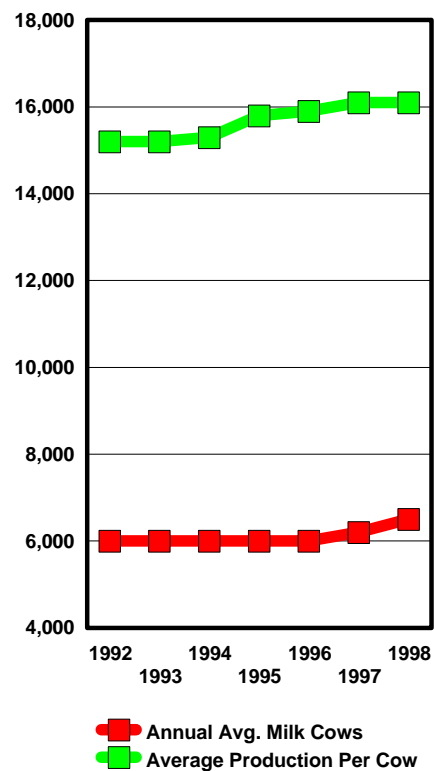
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EQUINE: Inventory and Value,

1997 Census of Agriculture

Total Equine	Rank in State	Inventory Value	Rank in State
1319	11	\$337,000	14

MILK: Cows & Production

CORN: Acreage, Yield, and Production

Year	All Planted	Grain			Silage		
		Harvested	Yield	Production	Harvested	Yield	Production
	Acres	Acres	Bushels	Bushels	Acres	Tons	Tons
1940	12,849	3,918	35.3	138,478	1/	1/	1/
1950	10,304	3,141	45.2	142,089	6,773	8.0	54,256
1959	9,786	2,048	46.0	94,310	7,620	7.0	53,416
1969	10,700	3,400	86.0	292,400	1/	1/	1/
1978	15,400	7,000	90.0	630,000	8,000	13.5	108,000
1982	15,400	7,600	89.0	676,400	7,500	13.5	101,300
1987	12,500	5,800	109.0	632,200	6,500	14.0	91,000
1992	14,400	5,700	105.0	598,500	8,100	13.7	111,000
1993	11,500	5,800	108.0	626,400	5,600	15.0	84,000
1994	11,600	6,100	109.0	665,500	5,500	15.8	86,700
1995	12,200	6,100	109.0	665,400	5,900	14.4	85,100
1996	12,900	5,700	107.0	609,900	7,100	16.0	113,300
1997	13,100	5,400	106.0	527,400	7,600	14.4	109,100
1998	13,000	5,300	107.0	567,100	7,700	15.9	122,400

1940-1969 U.S. Census of Agriculture

1/ Not available

HAY: Acreage, Yield, and Production 1/

Year	Alfalfa Hay			Other Hay			Total Hay		
	Harvested	Yield	Production	Harvested	Yield	Production	Harvested	Yield	Production
	Acres	Tons	Tons	Acres	Tons	Tons	Acres	Tons	Tons
1940	2,376	1.6	3,916	52,599	1.0	51,464	54,975	1.0	55,380
1950	4,821	1.7	7,986	35,573	1.2	43,079	40,394	1.3	51,065
1959	9,271	1.8	16,468	28,687	1.3	37,544	37,958	1.4	54,012
1969	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	22,515	2.0	44,830
1978	9,800	2.7	26,500	16,200	1.7	27,500	26,000	2.1	54,000
1982	9,500	3.0	28,500	15,200	2.2	33,400	24,700	2.5	61,900
1987	12,000	2.7	31,800	18,000	2.1	36,900	30,000	2.3	68,700
1992	9,500	2.3	22,000	8,700	1.9	16,100	18,200	2.1	38,100
1993	8,500	2.4	20,500	9,800	1.6	15,800	18,300	2.0	36,300
1994	7,500	2.9	21,900	9,700	1.8	17,800	17,200	2.3	39,700
1995	6,800	2.8	19,000	9,100	1.6	14,400	15,900	2.1	33,400
1996	7,400	2.9	21,400	8,000	1.8	14,000	15,400	2.3	35,400
1997	8,200	2.1	17,200	8,700	1.4	12,600	16,900	1.8	29,800
1998	7,700	2.0	15,200	7,800	1.5	11,700	15,500	1.7	26,900

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1/ Dry hay only - excludes silage and green chop

2/ Not available